

Austin Police Department Auto Theft/Burglary of Vehicle Crime Statistics

Information obtained from APD Property Crime Statistics (July 1, 2013 to July 31, 2013)

Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts	Auto Thefts
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
1,291	1,198	-7%
Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle	Burglary of Vehicle
Year to Date 2012	Year to Date 2013	% Year to Date Change
7,982	7,331	-8%

Major patterns for auto thefts during the month of July 2013 were:

- Trucks: 5 cases – a decrease compare to 11 the month of June
- Hondas: 19 cases (mid 90's), an increase compare to 12 the month of June
- Motorcycles: 17 cases – a decrease compare to 23 during the month of June
- In 50% of auto thefts, keys were used to steal the vehicles (keys left in vehicle, lost keys, etc)

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS:

- Lock your car and take your keys even if your only gone a few seconds – remember it only takes a few seconds to steal a vehicle.
- Never hide a second set of keys in or on your car. Extra keys can easily be found by thieves.
- Take your valuables with you. Don't give thieves the opportunity to steal your valuables.
- Invest in vehicle and motorcycle deterrents – wheel locks, steering lock, tracking device, kill switch, etc.
- Participate in the statewide H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft) Program, a vehicle registration program aimed at reducing auto theft. Call 1-888-44705933 or visit web: <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/heat> for details

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And remember, "You Hold the Key" to auto theft.



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